

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in the above-identified patent application as follows:

6. (Twice Amended) A system comprising:

a search and retrieval module for receiving a user query and for generating a query response including query feedback;

a knowledge base, coupled to said search and retrieval module, for storing relationships among terminology for use as query feedback;

a knowledge base processing system, coupled to said knowledge base for processing a plurality of documents and automatically extending said relationships among said terminology in said knowledge base, said knowledge base processing system for extracting, from said documents, a plurality of themes, wherein a theme identifies subject matter contained in a corresponding document, for generating a theme strength for said themes, said theme strength reflects the amount of subject matter contained in a document for a corresponding theme relative to other themes in said document, for generating a plurality of scores, from said theme strengths, to identify a relative theme pair strength for at least one pair of said themes extracted from said documents, for selecting theme pairs based on said scores, for selecting category pairs in said knowledge base by mapping said themes of said theme pairs selected to corresponding categories of said knowledge base, and for generating a cross reference in said knowledge base between categories of said category pairs, wherein said cross reference identifies an association between said category pairs.